

## GROW Compact Action Network Meeting Notes

Friday 12 February 2016

### Attending:

Angela Campbell	Fagg's Mitre 10
Bernadette Uzelac	Geelong Chamber of Commerce
Brendan Davie	GForce
Chris Newman	ArcBlue
Chris Silvestroni	CoGG
Hayley Ince	CoGG
Ian Clifton	Deakin University
Joanne McNeill	Consultant
Joe Ormeno	The Gordon
John Timmer	Baptcare
Liz Everist	GROW
Paul Rawson	Barwon Water
Peter Walker	CoGG
Stephen Ryan	RDV
Sue Luke	Colac Otway Shire
Tim Boyd	GMHBA

### Apologies:

Anne O'Brien	GROW
Annette Gill	Karingal
Chris Jones	Deakin University
Georgia Quill	Dept of Justice
Graeme Walker	Barwon Water
Jane Wager	CoGG
Jennifer Labourne	Colac Area Health
Jo Powell	Viva Energy
Keelie Hamilton	CoGG
Kirsten Kilpatrick	Tract Consulting
Mark Farrugia	Whittington Works
Peter McCracken	ICN
Tim Harrop	DHHS
Tina Hewett	St Laurence
Tina Perferment	Future Proofing Geelong
Virginia Todd	Geelong Planning Authority

### Regional Procurement Economic Modelling Project Update

Chris Newman provided an update on the project, please refer to attached presentation.



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Data collection for this project includes Tier 1 (CoGG and Deakin University) Tier 2 (all 20 Compact Signatories) and Tier 3, a general survey of the region, with 160 respondents.

Members discussed the potential use of individual organisation dashboards to help with the internal business case for Social Procurement. The need for local supply lists was strongly supported, noting this would also assist external buyers to procure locally, for example, in construction – both labour and materials.

Opportunities for forward procurement were discussed, and strategies to improve the capacity of suppliers. It was noted that Deakin University and Baptcare have ongoing policies to support their suppliers to develop systems and processes, which in turn make them more

efficient and save costs.

The members of the Compact Action Network are invited to the Regional Procurement Economic Modelling Project Workshop to be held on April 19, 2016, from 10-12 (venue to be confirmed).

## GROW Compact Action Plan

Paul Rawson from Barwon Water presented documentation relating to Social Procurement



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Social Procurement GROW Strategy 2016

policy and processes.

These documents were shared with the Network and Barwon Water were thanked for their valuable contribution.

Members discussed the value of shared resources, including tender clauses.

Peter Walker from CoGG discussed the current Expression of Interest for “Zero maintenance recreational bridges with a 100+ year design life”, which is a forward procurement project with Future Proofing Geelong. He also discussed the new tender for the Geelong Resource Recovery Centre, and members workshopped possible language, for example:

“This tender will preference suppliers who are committed to specifically employing people experiencing barriers to entering and staying in the workforce.”

Bernadette Uzelac from Geelong Chamber of Commerce stressed the importance of clarity and consistency for suppliers in language and overall approach. Members also raised the issue of monitoring and verification.

## GROW Social Procurement/Compact Action Network



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Draft Terms of Reference were distributed for comment by the next meeting.

A Schedule of Dates will also be distributed shortly.

A draft template for the Compact Action Plan was also distributed. Members discussed the need for support internally to complete the Compact Action Plan, in a manner is appropriate for each organisation’s individual objectives. This might involve a facilitated workshop for each organisation including the key internal stakeholders. There was agreement of the need to balance the overall GROW aims with the organisation’s operations, working towards the same outcomes but different strategies.



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Plan Template.pdf

## Actions and next steps

- Members to advise any changes to Terms of Reference and Draft Compact Action Plan template.
- Interested members are invited to the GROW Social Procurement Toolkit workshop to consider the Social Procurement documentation and components, for publication on the GROW website. Workshop will be held on Wednesday March 23, 10-12 noon (G21 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 131 Myers Street, Geelong).
- Regional Procurement Economic Modelling Project Implementation Workshop – 10-12, April 19, 2016 Venue to be advised